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UNITED STATES.

QUARANTINE ON THE COAST OF TEXAS.

Proclamation by the governor of Texas.

Be it known that I, Joseph D. Sayers, governor of the State of Texas, by authority vested in me by the laws of this State, do hereby declare that quarantine shall be established on the Gulf Coast and Rio Grande border on and after April 1, 1900, and it shall continue until closed by proclamation.

Said quarantine shall apply to all vessels, persons, or things coming from places infected by yellow fever, smallpox, bubonic plague, or cholera, and all places south of 25° north latitude shall be considered infected unless proof to the contrary be submitted to the State health officer, and special exemption be granted to said places, and persons from such places are prohibited from entering this State within a period of ten days.

I further declare quarantine against any person or persons infected or liable to be infected with yellow fever, smallpox, bubonic plague, or cholera, either within or without the State, and direct the quarantine officers of the State and health officers of the counties and towns to establish local quarantine around any and all such persons whenever discovered.

The coast quarantine stations shall be governed by the following rules:

Rule 1. Ten days must have elapsed from the day of sailing from an infected point before vessels will be allowed to enter the ports of Texas, except fruit vessels and such vessels as have been given written permits to do so.

Rule 2. Vessels arriving outside the bar of Texas ports, with sickness on board at the time of arrival, of either yellow fever, smallpox, bubonic plague, or cholera, must not be brought inside of the bar by pilots, but must be at once reported to the local quarantine officer, who will at once report same to the State health officer, and he will endeavor to have such vessel ordered to the nearest United States Marine-Hospital Station for treatment.

Rule 3. Vessels from an infected place, having had sickness or deaths

en route, but having no sickness at the time of arrival, will be disinfected and held five full days after disinfection, under observation, before being released, and a longer time if considered necessary by the State health officer.

Rule 4. Vessels from places actually infected, and having been at sea longer than ten days, will be disinfected and held under observation five full days.

Rule 5. Vessels from places south of 25° north latitude, with clean bills of health, and having had no sickness on board, will be disinfected and held three days after disinfection.

Rule 6. Iron steamships arriving from noninfected ports south of 25° north latitude, with no cargo or passengers, with clean bills of health from last clearance, and the clearance preceding the last, and in good sanitary condition at the time of arrival, may be permitted to enter, after being disinfected, without further detention, if, in the judgment of the local quarantine officer, it is safe to do so.

Rule 7. Vessels wishing to engage in the fruit or cattle trade will be allowed to do so under special restrictions and regulations governing the same.

All officials, military authorities, and citizens of Texas, are solicited to assist the quarantine officers in the execution of the above rules, and are earnestly requested to notify the governor of any dereliction of duty by officers or employees, or any other facts that will give greater efficiency to the quarantine service.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and have caused the seal of the State to be affixed, at the city of Austin, this the 29th day of March, A. D. 1900.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Governor.

By the governor:
GEO. T. KEEBLE,
Chief Clerk, Acting Secretary of State.

QUARANTINE PROCLAMATION.

OFFICE OF QUARANTINE BOARD OF MOBILE BAY, *Mobile, Ala., March 14, 1900.*

In accordance with law, and by virtue of authority vested in me by the quarantine board of Mobile Bay, I, A. S. Benn, president of said board, do hereby declare that from and after sunrise on the 1st day of April, 1900, and until the 1st day of December, 1900, unless sooner revoked, quarantine shall be enforced against all vessels entering Lower Mobile Bay, as follows:

First. Against all vessels, with their ballast, crews, passengers, baggage, and freight coming from ports regarded by the board as infected. The term infected applies to the following quarantinable diseases: Cholera (cholerae), yellow fever, smallpox, typhus fever, leprosy, and plague.

Second. Against all vessels, with their cargoes, ballast, crews, passengers, baggage, and freight coming from ports regarded by the board as suspected.

Third. Against all vessels and their contents, which are infected, or with a history of infection during the present year, and have not subsequently been subjected to improved maritime sanitation.

Fourth. Against all vessels and their contents that, during the quarantine season, have visited ports declared by this board to be infected,